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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

JOSE RAMIREZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

SUE WASHBURN, THE STATE OF  
OREGON, GARTH GULICK, MD, and  
BRYON HEMPHILL, DO,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:18-cv-02071-SU

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT AND  
STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL

Pursuant to ORS 17.095(3), defendants notify this Court that this action has been settled pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims (“Agreement”), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii), and as evidenced by the stipulation of the parties included on pages 4 and 5 of the Agreement, plaintiff agrees to dismiss this action with prejudice.

DATED May 4, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

This action is currently pending in U.S. District Court Case Number 2:18-cv-02071-SU ("Action"). The parties to this Action are Plaintiff Jose Ramirez, represented by Lynn S. Walsh, and Defendants Sue Washburn and the State of Oregon, represented by Andrew Hallman ("Parties"). The claims against Defendants Garth Gulick and Bryon Hemphill have previously been dismissed with prejudice in this action, and they are not parties to this release. The Parties have agreed to settle this Action for the consideration set forth in this Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims ("Agreement").

The terms of this Agreement are as follows:

**Settlement Payment:** As consideration for Plaintiff's Release of Claims, and on behalf of the Released Parties described below, the State of Oregon, by and through the Oregon Department of Administrative Services/Risk Management ("Risk Management"), shall pay plaintiff the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars \$250,000.00 ("settlement payment").

**Plaintiff's Release of Claims:** In consideration for the above settlement payment, plaintiff, individually and on behalf of any heirs, executors, administrators, successors, agents, and assigns agrees to release, acquit, and forever discharge defendants and all those in interest with them, including the State of Oregon and all of its political subdivisions, agencies, departments, administrators, officers, current and former employees, agents, attorneys, and insurers (collectively "Released Parties"), from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, whether known or unknown, under any legal, equitable, or other theory, that were or could have been raised in this Action.

The release, acquittal, and discharge described above ("Release") includes any claims against the Released Parties - including the Oregon Department of Justice and Risk Management - arising from the negotiation or execution of this Agreement. This Release also includes any damages (including past and future medical and mental health expenses, lost wages, impairment of earnings, emotional distress, pain and suffering, punitive damages, and any other

compensatory, economic, noneconomic, nominal, or other forms of damage) and equitable relief (including injunctions or declaratory judgments), whether known or unknown, or which may develop after the effective date of this Agreement, and including any and all expenses (attorney fees, costs, and disbursements).

**Newly-Discovered Evidence:** The Parties agree that if, after the Effective Date of this Agreement, they discover evidence different from or in addition to the evidence which they now know of or possess, this Agreement remains in full force and effect.

**Each Party is Responsible for Own Attorney Fees and Costs:** The Parties acknowledge and agree that they are solely responsible for paying any attorney fees and costs they incurred and that neither the Parties nor their attorneys will seek any award of attorney fees or costs from the other Party.

**Waiver of Cost of Care:** Defendant Oregon Department of Corrections waives the right to recover any proceeds from the settlement payment as "cost of care" pursuant to ORS 179.620(1). In no way do any of the defendants admit liability, nor have they been found liable through adjudication, as referenced in ORS 179.620(5)(a). On the contrary, defendants expressly deny all liability of any type.

**Plaintiff is Responsible for all Subrogation and Liens:** Plaintiff acknowledges that all subrogation and lien claims arising out of contract or under state or federal law-including, but not limited to, subrogation or lien claims of or related to health care providers, insurance carriers (including personal injury protection or "PIP"), workers' compensation carriers, attorneys, and any federal or state agency or programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, or Social Security-are the sole and separate obligation of plaintiff which plaintiff agrees to pay or otherwise resolve. Plaintiff will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against all such lien and subrogation claims brought against the Released Parties.

**Medicare Disclaimer and Waiver:** By signing below, plaintiff declares under penalty of perjury that: (1) plaintiff is not currently entitled to Medicare; and (2) none of the treatment

received for the injury or injuries claimed in this Action (or related to the incident giving rise to this Action) or released in this Agreement were submitted to or paid for by Medicare. Plaintiff waives, releases, and forever discharges Released Parties from any obligations for any claim or future claim, known or unknown, arising out of the failure of Released Parties to provide for a primary payment or appropriate reimbursement to Medicare pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1395y(b)(3)(A), and plaintiff shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties for any claims arising out of arising out of 42 U.S.C. § 1395y(b). Plaintiff further understands this settlement may impact, limit or preclude plaintiff's right or ability to receive future Medicare benefits arising out of the injuries alleged in this lawsuit.

**No Tax Representations:** No party warrants or represents how the United States Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), the Oregon Department of Revenue, or other governmental authority will treat the settlement payment for tax purposes, and agree that no further payment of money from Released Parties will be due in the event that the payments or the release of the claims embodied in this Agreement or any portion thereof is found by the IRS, the Oregon Department of Revenue, or other governmental authority to be, or result in, taxable income to any party. **The Released Parties, as part of their reporting requirements, may have to communicate with the IRS, including submitting IRS form 1099. The Released Parties reserve the right to respond to inquiries by said authorities and to make any additional disclosures requested by the governmental authority or as required by law. Plaintiff is solely responsible for the tax consequences of settlement payment, and plaintiff agrees not to hold the Released Parties responsible for taxes due.**

**Entire Agreement:** This Agreement contains and constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties, notwithstanding any and all prior negotiations, discussions, undertakings or agreements made in arriving at this Agreement. There are no representations, agreements, or inducements between the Parties except as set forth expressly and specifically in this Agreement.

**No Admission of Fault or Future Precedent:** The Parties agree that this Agreement is not to be construed as an admission or proof of any liability or fault whatsoever on the part of the Released Parties. This Agreement does not establish a precedent in the settlement of any current or future grievance, claim of unfair labor practice, or other dispute among the Parties, and shall not be admissible as evidence in any future arbitration, administrative or court proceeding except in a proceeding brought to enforce the terms of this Agreement. In the event plaintiff pursues a claim waived or released pursuant to this Agreement, the Released Parties may plead this Agreement as an absolute defense.

**Acknowledgment of the Terms of the Agreement:** By the signatures below, the Parties acknowledge that they have read and know the contents of this Agreement, that they fully understands the Agreement's terms, and that they enter the Agreement voluntarily for the purpose of making a full compromise and settlement. Each of the Parties further represents it has consulted or has had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel of its choice concerning the legal effect of this Agreement before signing it, and that each party executes this Agreement after voluntarily. Further, the persons executing and delivering the Agreement represent and warrant that they are fully authorized to do so, and that the execution of delivery of the Agreement is lawful and voluntary.

**Judgment of Dismissal with Prejudice:** The Parties agree to a dismissal of the pending Action with prejudice, without costs or fees to either party. Counsel for defendants shall file a Stipulation of Dismissal pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). Additionally, counsel for the defendants shall file a Notice of Settlement with a copy of this Agreement attached pursuant to ORS 17.095.} The Parties agree to execute these documents and any further documents and take any further actions, as may be reasonable and necessary, in order to carry out the purpose and intent of this Agreement.

**Waiver of Rule of Construction Against Drafter:** This Agreement was jointly drafted and approved by all Parties to this Agreement. Any rule that would otherwise require any ambiguities in this Agreement to be interpreted against the drafter(s) is hereby expressly waived.

**Counterparts:** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, including counterparts received by facsimile or electronic transmission, with each counterpart constituting an original. The executing Parties agree that a photocopy or other signed copy of this Agreement is as effective as the original.

**IT IS SO AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES:**

  
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**JOSE RAMIREZ**  
Plaintiff

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

s/ Jason Brown  
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**JASON BROWN**  
Oregon Department of Corrections  
On Behalf of Released Parties

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of ~~April~~ <sup>May</sup>, 2020.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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**LYNN S. WALSH**, OSB #92495  
Attorney for Plaintiff

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of ~~April~~ <sup>May</sup>, 2020.

s/ Andrew Hallman  
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**ANDREW HALLMAN**, OSB #083480  
Assistant Attorney General  
Attorney for Defendant State of Oregon

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of ~~April~~ <sup>May</sup>, 2020.